

REMARKS

Claims

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-26 will be pending in the application with claims 1, 14, and 20 being independent. Claims 17-20 have been amended for clarification. No claims have been added or canceled as part of this Amendment. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – Nonstatutory Double Patenting

Claims 1-26 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-35 of U.S. Patent No. 6,605,103. Claims 1-26 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-45 of U.S. Patent No. 7,166,123. Timely filed terminal disclaimers in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) are attached to overcome these rejections to claims 1-26.

Applicant believes the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully solicited. Applicant believes that no fees are required. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard Attorneys P.C., for any fees including Terminal Disclaimer fees, or credit the account for any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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